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MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL HILLENKOTTER

1. In accordance with the discussion we had this morning with Mr. Souers, I am sending you herewith, informally, a copy of the Joint Chiefs of Staff memorandum to the Secretary of Defense, dated 31 December 1948. This memorandum was submitted as a proposed reply to your memorandum dated 8 November 1948 to the Secretary of Defense, Attention General Gruenher, on the subject, "Clandestine Operations in War".

2. The Joint Chiefs of Staff memorandum is sent to you so that you may examine it further and consult on the subject with the Department of State, in accordance with the procedure agreed upon this morning. When we have received your further comments and the concurrence of the Department of State to the major points in the proposed reply, that reply can be sent formally to you. If it appears that any important changes are necessary in order to obtain State Department concurrence or to meet your recognized requirements, it would, of course, be necessary to obtain once again the advice of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

3. I would appreciate your returning the enclosed memorandum to me when you have finished with it.

4. If I can be of any further assistance in this matter, please let me know.

Robert Blum

Enclosure

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